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Section 8
Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis

Overview

8.1 The Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis was established in 1993. Its responsibilities are defined in the report of the Secretary-General on the 1992-1993 revised estimates emanating from the second phase of the restructuring of the Secretariat (A/C.5/47/88) and in General Assembly resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993.

8.2 The terms of reference of the Department include:

(a) The compilation, improvement and dissemination of economic and social statistics;

(b) The analysis of long-term economic and social trends, including population trends;

(c) The monitoring and assessment from a global perspective of economic and social policies and trends, including analysis of efficient domestic macroeconomic management and relevant micro-economic issues;

(d) The elaboration of projections and the identification of new and emerging issues requiring attention by the international community;

(e) The execution of technical cooperation projects in the areas of statistics and population.

8.3 The overall objectives of the Department are thus to assist Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and also private sector entities in determining development priorities at the international, national and local levels and to contribute to devising policies and measures for fulfilling them. The Department seeks to achieve this primarily by contributing to these entities' knowledge and understanding of development processes and the consequences of their actions through the provision of economic and social information and through the analysis of development issues and policies.

8.4 The responsibilities of the Department and related activities fall under programmes 12, Global development issues and policies (subprogrammes 1 to 4), 18, Population, and 24, Statistics, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

8.5 A continuing series of major international conferences held under the aegis of the United Nations, together with related actions by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies, are adding new challenges to the existing global economic and social agenda, both for future international development cooperation and for national development. In the biennium 1996-1997, the programme of work of the Department will respond to these new demands, while at the same time continuing to meet those long-standing legislative requests for economic and social information and analysis which continue to be relevant. In this context, the Department will continue to monitor the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. It will also continue to pay special attention to follow-up to the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women.

8.6 In 1996-1997, issues that will require increased attention include the respective roles of the market and the State in economic and social development; the continuing economic and social transformation in

Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union; the economic and social effects of international sanctions; the new dimensions of global population change, including the nature, extent and consequences of international migration; and new demands for and new means of providing quantitative economic and social information. A new area of activity entitled "Public economics: global approaches to micro-economic issues and policies" has been designed to respond to various requests that involve devising ways of increasing efficiency and growth through the use of market mechanisms. The Department will respond to these issues by undertaking policy-oriented analysis of the role, potential and shortcomings of market solutions to problems of allocation, distribution and regulation. Organizationally these responsibilities will be assigned to the Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis Division, the creation of which is envisaged effective 1 January 1996.

8.7 The Department will continue to serve as the lead unit for economic and social information within the United Nations and provide statistical support to all parts of the Organization. In this context, the Department will continue to develop, in cooperation with the regional commissions, an economic and social information system (UNESIS) that will encompass data collection, processing, storage, exchange and dissemination of economic and social information to users for policy-making. Phase I of the project was completed in 1994. Phase II is currently in progress and is expected to be completed by September 1996. Its main objective is to develop and implement the core components of UNESIS in selected pilot areas, using prototyping techniques, in both its substantive and its technical dimensions. Phase III would be commenced in October 1996. Its objective would be to extend the system progressively to all selected areas. It would involve both the development of data models and databases and the addition of new functions and data-processing features to the application and core components of the system.

8.8 The Department will continue to provide substantive support for the relevant intergovernmental bodies, including the Statistical Commission and the Commission on Population and Development. It will cooperate closely with the Bretton Woods institutions and other relevant agencies and will link its activities with early warning and analytical capabilities being developed in the political and humanitarian sectors of the Organization.

8.9 The proposals for the Department would entail a net reduction of resources in the amount of $344,100 or 0.7 per cent, primarily as a result of discontinuing the one-time provision made for holding the International Conference on Population and Development. At the same time, priority areas would be strengthened, both through the reorganization and rationalization of activities and relating redeployment of staff and other resources from within the Department and also through provision for new resources. The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of the Department would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	0.3	—
B.	Executive direction and management	3.9	—
C.	Programme of work	90.6	100.0
D.	Programme support	5.2	—
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

8.10 The distribution of these resources by major field of activities and by object of expenditure is detailed in tables 8.1 to 8.3 below.

Table 8.1 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme		1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
A.	Policy-making organs	306.4	896.2	(741.6)	(82.7)	154.6	7.4	162.0
B.	Executive direction and management	1 059.0	1 488.1	308.6	20.7	1 796.7	93.8	1 890.5
C.	Programme of work	42 578.9	41 432.2	126.6	0.3	41 558.8	2 272.9	43 831.7
D.	Programme support	2 161.8	2 409.4	(37.7)	(1.5)	2 371.7	108.4	2 480.1
	Total	**46 106.1**	**46 225.9**	**(344.1)**	**(0.7)**	**45 881.8**	**2 482.5**	**48 364.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	806.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	561.2
		(b) Substantive activities	
961.0	348.6	(i) Trust Fund for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development	—
250.7	440.3	(ii) Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries' Participation in the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and its Preparatory Process	—
119.8	224.0	(iii) Trust Fund for International Economic and Social Research	224.0
33.7	6.2	(iv) Trust Fund for the International Comparison Project	21.2
518.6	422.1	(v) Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projections	378.0
—	3 238.5	(vi) UNFPA	3 143.8
—	80.0	(vii) Other sources	80.0
		(c) Operational projects	
1 459.4	3 558.3	UNFPA	1 596.5
3 343.2	**9 124.5**	**Total**	**6 004.7**
49 449.3	**55 350.4**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**54 369.0**

Table 8.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	42 496.0	41 911.8	140.2	0.3	42 052.0	2 299.9	44 351.9
Other staff costs	686.3	774.2	(487.1)	(62.9)	287.1	13.9	301.0
Consultants and experts	720.7	868.7	(54.6)	(6.2)	814.1	38.9	853.0
Travel	794.9	852.8	(244.7)	(28.6)	608.1	28.8	636.9
Contractual services	597.8	692.9	(69.4)	(10.0)	623.5	30.0	653.5
General operating expenses	540.5	809.0	72.1	8.9	881.1	42.6	923.7
Supplies and materials	61.3	83.1	(20.6)	(24.7)	62.5	2.8	65.3
Equipment	208.6	233.4	320.0	137.1	553.4	25.6	579.0
Total	**46 106.1**	**46 225.9**	**(344.1)**	**(0.7)**	**45 881.8**	**2 482.5**	**48 364.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1996-1997 estimates*
460.8	3 840.6	Posts	3 227.1
796.4	2 802.2	Other staff costs	1 627.6
1 250.5	941.3	Consultants and experts	582.0
640.2	1 001.6	Travel	415.9
42.1	199.1	Contractual services	28.8
45.5	48.8	General operating expenses	43.3
39.2	5.6	Equipment	45.0
—	118.3	Fellowships, grants, contributions	10.0
68.5	167.0	Other expenditures	25.0
3 343.2	**9 124.5**	**Total**	**6 004.7**
49 449.3	**55 350.4**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**54 369.0**

Table 8.3 **Post requirements**

Organization unit: Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	3	4	—	—	—	—	3	4
D-1	14	13	—	—	4	4	18	17
P-5	26	28	—	—	6	5	32	33
P-4/3	77	76	—	—	9	8	86	84
P-2/1	26	26	—	—	—	—	26	26
Total	**147**	**148**	**—**	**—**	**19**	**17**	**166**	**165**
General Service category								
Principal level	29	29	—	—	—	—	29	29
Other levels	101	101	—	—	11	8	112	109
Total	**130**	**130**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**8**	**141**	**138**
Grand total	**277**	**278**	**—**	**—**	**30**	**25**	**307**	**303**

A. Policy-making organs

Table 8.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
1. Statistical Commission	36.5	109.3	(50.1)	(45.8)	59.2	2.8	62.0
2. Commission on Population and Development	—	95.4	—	—	95.4	4.6	100.0
3. International Conference on Population and Development	269.9	670.9	(670.9)	(100.0)	—	—	—
4. Fourth World Conference on Women	—	20.6	(20.6)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**306.4**	**896.2**	**(741.6)**	**(82.7)**	**154.6**	**7.4**	**162.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
961.0	348.6	(i) Trust Fund for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development	—
250.7	440.3	(ii) Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries' Participation in the 1994 Conference on Population and Development and its Preparatory Process	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
1 211.7	**788.9**	**Total**	**—**
1 518.1	**1 685.1**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**162.0**

Statistical Commission

8.11 The Statistical Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 8 (I) of 16 and 18 February 1946. Its terms of reference were set out in resolutions 8(I), 8(II) of 21 June 1946 and 1566 (L) of 3 May 1971. Under its terms of reference, the Commission assists the Economic and Social Council in coordination of the statistical work of specialized agencies; development of the central statistical services of the Secretariat; advising the organs of the United Nations on general questions relating to the collection, analysis and dissemination of statistical information; and promoting the improvement of statistics and statistical methods in general.

8.12 The Commission has 24 members and meets biennially for five working days or in special sessions authorized by the Economic and Social Council. The Commission has a Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, which also meets biennially.

Commission on Population and Development

8.13 The Population Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 3 (III) of 3 October 1946. Its terms of reference, as set out in Council resolution 150 (VII) of 10 August 1948, are to arrange for studies and advise the Council on the size and structure of populations and changes therein; the interplay of demographic factors and economic and social factors; policies designed to influence the size and structure of populations and changes therein; and any other demographic questions on which either the principal or the subsidiary organs of the United Nations or the specialized agencies may seek advice. Further responsibilities of the Commission are defined in Council decision 87 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 and resolution 1986/7 of 21 May 1986.

8.14 The Commission, composed of 27 members, each elected for a four-year term, normally meets for a period of eight working days biennially. Following the International Conference on Population and Development and the adoption of the Programme of Action by the Conference, the General Assembly, by its resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994, renamed the Population Commission the Commission on Population and Development, decided that it should meet on an annual basis beginning in 1996, and requested the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, to review, *inter alia*, the terms of reference, mandate and membership of the Commission.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

8.15 It is estimated that a provision of $154,600 for travel would be required in connection with the activities of the functional commissions mentioned above, as follows:

(a) Travel of members of the Statistical Commission to attend its twenty-ninth session, in 1997, and travel of members of the Commission's Working Group to attend its biennial meetings ($59,200);

(b) Travel of members of the Commission on Population and Development to attend its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions, in 1996 and 1997 respectively ($95,400).

8.16 The proposed reduction of resources relates to one-time provisions for the special session of the Statistical Commission held in 1994 ($50,100) and for the preparation for and holding of the International Conference on Population and Development ($670,900) and the Fourth World Conference on Women ($20,600) during the biennium 1994-1995.

B. Executive direction and management

Table 8.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	783.6	1 159.9	148.1	12.7	1 308.0	70.7	1 378.7
Other staff costs	4.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	180.0	186.6	(18.4)	(9.8)	168.2	8.2	176.4
Travel	60.3	135.3	(13.4)	(9.9)	121.9	5.6	127.5
General operating expenses	30.4	6.3	—	—	6.3	0.3	6.6
Equipment	—	—	192.3	—	192.3	9.0	201.3
Total	**1 059.0**	**1 488.1**	**308.6**	**20.7**	**1 796.7**	**93.8**	**1 890.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
Total —	—		—
Total (1) and (2) **1 059.0**	**1 488.1**		**1 890.5**

Table 8.6 **Post requirements**

Programme: Executive direction and management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	1
Total	**4**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**
General Service category								
Other levels	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	3
Total	**2**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**3**
Grand total	**6**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**7**

8.17 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General provides overall direction, supervision and management of the Department for the implementation of its mandates and approved programme of work. The Under-Secretary-General, as the programme manager of the Department, is assisted by the strategic management group, comprised of staff at different levels, which reviews, on an ongoing basis, various aspects of the Department's activities and provides advice on improving its efficiency and effectiveness. As part of its management and coordination activities, the Office produces 12 monthly issues of a newsletter entitled "DESIPA in Brief".

8.18 The Office coordinates with other departments on the issues of mutual concern under the programme of work and with regional commissions on the implementation of UNESIS, including the issuance on a regular basis of a newsletter entitled "UNESIS notes". The Office also coordinates the preparation of the working paper series on current and emerging issues of the Department's concern.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

8.19 In line with similar functions and responsibilities carried out by the chiefs of the offices of the heads of comparable departments, it is proposed to establish a D-1 post for the Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General. The requirement would be accommodated through redeployment from within the Department in the context of the reorganization of activities relating to macro- and micro-economic issues and policies. The incumbent would provide general support to the Under-Secretary-General in the formulation and implementation of policies, practices and activities for the Department and in maintaining departmental relations with Governments, other United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations and academia, as well as with other units of the Secretariat. The responsibilities of the post include the organization, coordination and supervision of activities requiring the attention of the Under-Secretary-General, the communication of instructions and decisions of the Under-Secretary-General, liaising on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General with individuals within and outside the Department, including with representatives of Member States, international organizations and non-governmental entities, and carrying out special projects assigned by the Under-Secretary-General.

8.20 In the context of the reorganization of the activities relating to macro- and micro-economic issues and policies, a P-4 post from the Office of the Under-Secretary-General is proposed to be redeployed to the new Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis Division.

8.21 One General Service (Other level) post is proposed for redeployment to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General from the Executive Office to provide support to the D-1 post discussed in paragraph 8.19 above and to other Professional staff of the Office.

Consultants and experts

8.22 The estimated requirements ($168,200) relate to the provision of consultancy services for specialized expertise that transcends individual programmes, such as the further development of the second and third phases of UNESIS.

Travel

8.23 A provision of $121,900 would be required for attendance of the Under-Secretary-General and his immediate staff at meetings of the Economic and Social Council, other United Nations bodies, including the regional commissions, consultations with Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and representation by the Under-Secretary-General on behalf of the Secretary-General.

General operating expenses

8.24 The estimated requirements ($6,300) are for maintenance of office automation equipment in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General.

Equipment

8.25 The estimated requirements ($192,300) relate to the acquisition of specialized electronic equipment and software for the Department as a whole, in the context of implementation of UNESIS ($182,300) and replacement of the existing equipment under the globally administered programme of technological innovations ($10,000).

C. Programme of work

Table 8.7 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis Division	15 232.4	10 866.6	(1 980.1)	(18.2)	8 886.5	489.2	9 375.7
Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis Division	—	2 299.2	2 110.2	91.7	4 409.4	251.6	4 661.0
Population	7 316.7	7 440.7	36.0	0.4	7 476.7	419.1	7 895.8
Statistics	20 029.8	20 825.7	(39.5)	(0.1)	20 786.2	1 113.0	21 899.2
Total	**42 578.9**	**41 432.2**	**126.6**	**0.3**	**41 558.8**	**2 272.9**	**43 831.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	806.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	561.2
		(b) Substantive activities	
119.8	224.0	Trust Fund for International Economic and Social Research	224.0
33.7	6.2	Trust Fund for the International Comparison Project	21.2
518.6	422.1	Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projections	378.0
—	3 238.5	UNFPA	3 143.8
—	80.0	Other sources	80.0
		(c) Operational projects	
1 459.4	3 558.3	UNFPA	1 596.5
Total **2 131.5**	**8 335.6**		**6 004.7**
Total (1) and (2) **44 710.4**	**49 767.8**		**49 836.4**

Programme 12
Global development issues and policies

8.26 The legislative authority for the activities to be undertaken by the Department during the biennium 1996-1997 in this area derives from programme 12, Global development issues and policies. In 1996-1997, the programme will continue to be focused on the monitoring and assessment (in collaboration, as necessary, with other organs of the United Nations and specialized agencies) of global economic and social issues and trends. It will concentrate on the preparation of multisectoral and integrated analyses of a broad range of socio-economic issues, analysis of long-term trends and elaboration of projections and identification of new and emerging issues, particularly those arising from the globalization of the world economy. Action-oriented recommendations on these issues will be formulated for the consideration of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

8.27 It is proposed to place subprogrammes 1, 3 and 4, which deal with the functioning of the global economy and provide a global perspective on economic and social activities, under the responsibility of the Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis Division. Subprogrammes 2 and 5, which deal with issues of a primarily national, micro-economic and people-oriented nature (but from a global perspective), would be implemented by the Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis Division. This Division will provide the basis for a better analysis of such issues as the role of markets in fostering growth, the provision of public goods, marginalization and social integration, human resources development, the impact of economic sanctions and the peace-development link.

8.28 Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Monitoring and assessment of current global economic issues and policies	29.1	—
Subprogramme 2 Problems and prospects of integrated development	12.8	—
Subprogramme 3 External debt and development	9.0	—
Subprogramme 4 Development perspectives and early identification of emerging issues	23.9	100.0
Subprogramme 5 Public economics: global approaches to micro-economic issues and policies	25.2	—
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogrammes 3 and 4 have been designated as high priority by the General Assembly.

1. Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis Division

Table 8.8 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	14 565.0	10 415.4	(1 888.6)	(18.1)	8 526.8	472.9	8 999.7
Other staff costs	19.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	109.8	149.6	(14.4)	(9.6)	135.2	6.1	141.3
Travel	271.3	87.0	(8.5)	(9.7)	78.5	3.7	82.2
Contractual services	55.6	76.3	(33.6)	(44.0)	42.7	1.7	44.4
General operating expenses	110.3	63.3	(10.0)	(15.7)	53.3	2.6	55.9
Supplies and materials	17.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	82.8	75.0	(25.0)	(33.3)	50.0	2.2	52.2
Total	**15 232.4**	**10 866.6**	**(1 980.1)**	**(18.2)**	**8 886.5**	**489.2**	**9 375.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	66.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	49.1
		(b) Substantive activities	
518.6	422.1	Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projection	378.0
		(c) Operational projects	
84.9	147.6	UNFPA	—
Total	**603.5**	**635.9**	**427.1**
Total (1) and (2)	**15 835.9**	**11 502.5**	**9 802.8**

Table 8.9 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis Division

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	5	3	—	—	—	—	5	3
P-5	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
P-4/3	20	16	—	—	—	—	20	16
P-2/1	5	4	—	—	—	—	5	4
Total	**37**	**30**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**37**	**30**
General Service category								
Principal level	9	9	—	—	—	—	9	9
Other levels	19	15	—	—	—	—	19	15
Total	**28**	**24**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**28**	**24**
Grand total	**65**	**54**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**65**	**54**

Subprogramme 1
Monitoring and assessment of current global economic issues and policies

8.29 The objective of the subprogramme is to provide the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other legislative bodies with systematic analysis and assessment of current global economic issues and trends and of their interrelations and implications for international and national action. In addition to the monitoring and assessment of issues and trends, the subprogramme, in accordance with recent mandates received from legislative bodies, will also elaborate alternative policy measures to promote economic development and international economic cooperation.

8.30 In the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will continue its assessment of major developments in the world economy, taking into account, *inter alia*, institutional and technological changes. It will continue its emphasis on such problems as stabilization, adjustment and structural change in the developing countries in the context of economic growth, as well as on the transformation in the countries with economies in transition, including their integration into the world economy. The comparative analysis of national and regional situations will be complemented by the examination of interactions with the external economic environment and the globalization process. Policy options for action, at the national and international levels, will be reviewed and recommendations provided. The progress achieved and problems encountered in the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, adopted at the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly, and of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade will continue to be assessed. Analytical support will be provided to the review and appraisal of the Agenda for Development, upon its adoption, as required. The subprogramme will further contribute to deliberations on ways and means of promoting the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Four reports to the General Assembly, on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation and the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; integration of the economies in transition into the world economy; update on the world economy (annual); four reports to the Economic and Social Council (annual substantive sessions): *World Economic and Social Survey* (annual) and end-of-year note on the state of the world economy (annual); and ad hoc reports to the General Assembly and to the Economic and Social Council on specific issues (as required);

(b) *Substantive services.* Second Committee of the General Assembly (annual); Economic and Social Council: high-level and general segments (annual);

(c) One ad hoc expert group meeting on investment strategies for sustained economic growth in the countries with economies in transition.

2. Published material

One recurrent publication: *World Economic and Social Survey* (annual).

3. Information materials and services

Press release and briefings with journalists before distribution of the *World Economic and Social Survey* (annual), and the end-of-year note on the state of the world economy (annual).

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Close collaboration with UNDP, the specialized agencies and the Bretton Woods institutions on issues under the work programme.

Subprogramme 3
External debt and development

8.31 The objectives of the subprogramme are to (a) monitor the debt situation in its various aspects; (b) contribute to the search for new approaches and evolve appropriate development strategies to support multilateral, national and bilateral efforts in resolving the external debt crisis of developing countries and other countries with serious debt-servicing problems; and (c) examine the implications of the debt crisis for the world economy. The problem of debt, though less acute in many countries now than in the 1980s, will continue to be an important concern for the international community in the medium term. International financial transfers, in particular finance for development, will remain a key issue of global development issues and policies.

8.32 In the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will continue to focus on innovative approaches and strategies towards durable solutions to the external debt problems of developing countries and other countries with serious debt-servicing problems. Particular attention will be given to the monitoring of multilateral and bilateral efforts to improve the debt treatment of the poorest and most indebted countries, to reduce, where appropriate, the stock of debt and to increase concessionality for other countries facing special debt-servicing difficulties. Changes in the nature and scope of the debt situation will be monitored and the impacts of the current inflow of capital to some developing countries will be assessed. In addition, studies on the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries will examine the changing nature and direction of international financial flows and will analyse ways and means to sustain and enhance development finance from all potential sources.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Four reports to the General Assembly, on the external debt problems of developing countries (annual); net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; and financing of development;

(b) *Substantive services.* Second Committee of the General Assembly (annual);

(c) One ad hoc expert group meeting on private financial flows for development.

2. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Cooperation and liaison with IMF, the World Bank, the Group of 24 and OECD on issues under the work programme.

Subprogramme 4
Development perspectives and early identification of emerging issues

8.33 The objectives of the subprogramme are to (a) strengthen the capabilities of intergovernmental bodies and Member States for the early identification of emerging problems in the world economy by improving existing mechanisms and means for providing socio-economic data and forecasts available to the United Nations in a comprehensive and readily accessible form; (b) increase awareness at the national and international policy-making levels of major development issues and problems with up-to-date assessments of socio-economic and environmental perspectives and alternative scenarios with a view to encouraging Member States to improve their own analytical work and forecasting activities; and (c) further develop links and increase the flow of socio-economic information between the United Nations and national research and information centres to the greatest extent possible.

8.34 In the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will contribute to the periodic review of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade and further enhance project LINK to provide forecasts in such areas as international movements of goods, services and capital. The global input-output model will be updated for the analysis of effects of alternative paths of technological change and speed of its absorption at the regional level on growth and structural change in the world economy beyond the year 2000. Within the quantitative analysis of historical trends and alternative scenarios for the world economy, the global consequences of the Uruguay Round and newly emerged and emerging regional trading arrangements (e.g., the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, the European Union and possible new agreements among developing countries) will receive particular attention. The effects of changes in the patterns of production and consumption on the world economy will also be analysed.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Intermediate outputs as substantive self-contained inputs to the *World Economic and Social Survey* on the outlook for the world economy based on project LINK (annual); reports on the update on the world economy (annual); end-of-year note on the state of the world economy (annual); and quantitative estimates on the implications of the Uruguay Round and regional trade agreements for economic growth in various groups of countries;

(b) Four ad hoc expert group meetings on short- and medium-term projections of the world economy (XB).

2. Published material

(a) One non-recurrent publication on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy beyond 2000;

(b) *Technical material.* World economic situation and prospects (biannual); handbook of macroeconomic and sectoral data.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Consultations and coordination with UNDP and the World Bank and other relevant specialized agencies. Improved on-line access to the global LINK model and analytical databases will be provided to other bodies of the United Nations system and to Member States through the local area network.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

8.35 The estimated staff resources required for the programme implementation would comprise 30 Professional and 24 General Service posts, which represent the net effect of:

(a) Redeployment of the Development Analysis Branch (one P-5, four P-4 and four General Service posts) to the Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis Division and one D-1 post to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for the Chief of that Office;

(b) Reclassification of one D-1 post to the P-5 level, one P-4 post to the P-3 level and one P-2/1 post to the P-3 level. The proposed reclassifications result from the reorganization of the Division and rationalization of its programme of work;

(c) Abolition of one P-4 post resulting from rationalization of the programme of work of the Division.

Consultants and experts

8.36 The estimated requirements under the programme ($135,200) include a provision for consultants ($70,200), who would provide analysis in macroeconomics, including specialized reviews of the policy implications for international economic cooperation of major developments in Africa, the Middle East and Eastern and Central Europe. The requirements for the expert group meetings under the programme are estimated at $65,000.

Travel

8.37 The estimated requirements ($78,500) relate to travel of staff for research and collection of data in the context of the work programme, as well as for maintaining liaison with specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations on issues under the programme of work.

Contractual services

8.38 The estimated requirements ($42,700) relate to the publication of the *World Economic and Social Survey* and of a number of other recurrent and non-recurrent publications under the work programme.

General operating expenses

8.39 The provision ($53,300) relates to rental and maintenance of data-processing and office automation equipment.

Equipment

8.40 The estimated requirements ($50,000) relate to the acquisition ($39,900) and replacement ($10,100) of office automation equipment.

2. Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis Division

Table 8.10 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	2 064.0	2 020.5	97.8	4 084.5	236.4	4 320.9
Consultants and experts	—	52.8	19.6	37.1	72.4	3.3	75.7
Travel	—	59.7	(5.9)	(9.8)	53.8	2.5	56.3
Contractual services	—	47.4	(0.7)	(1.4)	46.7	2.2	48.9
General operating expenses	—	58.8	39.5	67.1	98.3	4.7	103.0
Equipment	—	16.5	37.2	225.4	53.7	2.5	56.2
Total	**—**	**2 299.2**	**2 110.2**	**91.7**	**4 409.4**	**251.6**	**4 661.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	29.1	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	29.1
		(b) Substantive activities	
119.8	224.0	Trust Fund for Economic and Social Research	224.0
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
119.8	**253.1**	**Total**	**253.1**
119.8	**2 552.3**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**4 914.1**

Table 8.11 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis Division

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	3
P-4/3	5	10	—	—	—	—	5	10
P-2/1	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	3
Total	**8**	**18**	—	—	—	—	**8**	**18**
General Service category								
Other levels	5	9	—	—	—	—	5	9
Total	5	9	—	—	—	—	5	9
Grand total	**13**	**27**	—	—	—	—	**13**	**27**

Subprogramme 2
Problems and prospects of integrated development

8.41 The objectives of the subprogramme are to (a) carry out multisectoral analysis of a broad range of socio-economic issues with a view to presenting to intergovernmental bodies an integrated view of development problems and prospects; and (b) provide assessment with policy options and recommendations on those problems and prospects. Recent developments in the world economy reinforce the need to review the development process as being increasingly integrated through linkages with the economic, social and political security dimensions.

8.42 In the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will focus on analysis of the promotion of social integration, the alleviation and eradication of poverty and the expansion of productive employment, including institutional and economic factors that affect social cohesion and female marginality. The subprogramme will also contribute, as required, to the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women. In the area of security economics, the focus will be on analysing the linkages between political and economic issues and policies. Reporting to the General Assembly and the Security Council (as appropriate) on the implementation of multilateral economic sanctions, coercive economic measures, conversion from military to civilian activities and socio-economic aspects of post-conflict peace-building and the development continuum, in the context of provisions of General Assembly resolution 49/21 A of 2 December 1994, will also be areas of concern.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Four reports to the General Assembly, on economic assistance to countries affected by the implementation of multilateral economic sanctions and on human resources development; *1997 Report on the World Social Situation;* on institutional aspects of social integration (follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development); background notes and analytical reports to the Security Council relating to emerging international problems and developments, such as special

economic problems experienced by States as a result of sanctions imposed under Chapter VII of the Charter (as appropriate);

(b) *Substantive services.* Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly (annual); Economic and Social Council (annual); Commission on Social Development (1997); and Security Council and its committees on sanctions, as required;

(c) One ad hoc expert group meeting on socio-economic aspects of post-conflict peace-building and integrated development.

2. Published material

(a) One recurrent publication: *1997 Report on the World Social Situation*;

(b) One non-recurrent publication: *Supplement to the 1997 Report on the World Social Situation.*

3. Information materials and services

Press release and briefings with journalists before distribution of the *1997 Report on the World Social Situation.*

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Collaboration with the Bretton Woods institutions on issues under the work programme and coordination with UNDP, ILO, UNESCO, WHO, UNICEF and other specialized agencies, funds and programmes on relevant issues under the work programme.

Subprogramme 5
Micro-economic issues and policies

8.43 The major objective of the subprogramme is to meet the needs of Member States for information and policy-oriented analysis on selected issues related to private sector development and the enhancement of the efficiency and effectiveness of public enterprises through the promotion of market-oriented approaches, including the interactions between the international economic environment and national policy actions.

8.44 In the biennium 1996-1997, activities under the subprogramme will include, *inter alia,* quantitative analysis and policy-oriented studies on the workings of market mechanisms, the role of regulation and deregulation, and privatization in the context of economic reforms in developing countries, developed market economies and economies in transition; research on the political economy of social security and safety nets in different regions and countries; studies on the role of the firm, demonopolization and other relevant policies; meeting information needs of Member States on the functioning of markets and related issues and problems that arise from the incidence of market failure; and improvement of information on small and medium-size enterprises and on the organization of industry. In the context of the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), special attention will be paid to some key policy issues identified in the preparatory processes, such as employment trends and the role of safety nets in developing countries and countries with economies in transition; the effect of new technologies on earnings and employment of women and the gender distribution of unemployment; experiences in the privatization of water supplies and regulatory frameworks and market approaches to water distribution in human settlements; determinants of investment behaviour in developing countries; and factors determining the location of industrial activities.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Seven reports to the Economic and Social Council, on determinants of investment behaviour in developing countries (input to the *World Economic and Social Survey, 1996);* on employment trends in the economies in transition in the late 1990s (input to the *World Economic and Social Survey, 1997);* on the role of safety nets in developing countries and countries

with economies in transition (follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development); on the effects of new technologies on earnings and employment of women (follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women); on gender distribution of unemployment (follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women); report on factors determining location of industrial activities in the late 1990s (follow-up to Habitat II); report on regulatory frameworks and market approaches to water distribution in human settlements (follow-up to Habitat II); and report to Habitat II on comparative experiences in the privatization of water supply;

(b) *Substantive services.* Economic and Social Council (annual);

(c) One ad hoc expert group meeting on the role of the State and lessons from privatization efforts in education and health in developing countries.

2. Published material

Two non-recurrent publications, on contributions of small and medium-size enterprises to economic development and privatization efforts in education and health in developing countries.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Collaboration with relevant agencies in the United Nations system, in particular ILO and the Bretton Woods institutions, on issues under the work programme.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

8.45 The estimated staff resources required for the programme implementation would comprise 20 Professional and 9 General Service posts, which represent the net effect of:

(a) Redeployment to the Micro-economic and Social Policy Analysis Division of the Development Analysis Branch (one P-5, four P-4 and four General Service posts) of the Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis Division and one P-4 post from the Office of the Under-Secretary-General. The Branch would be responsible for carrying out the research and analysis activities with emphasis on the socio-economic aspects of the development process. The P-4 post redeployed from the Office of the Under-Secretary-General would strengthen the Division's research capacity and preparation of studies and progress reports on specific issues such as poverty, inequality and income distribution;

(b) Reclassification of one P-4 post to the P-5 level. The post would serve as a focal point for undertaking and coordinating the analysis of the growing linkages between political and economic issues and policies, focusing on the areas of mutual concern to the Agenda for Peace and the Agenda for Development in the context of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 49/21 A of 3 December 1994;

(c) One new D-2, one new P-3 and two new P-2/1 posts. The D-2 post would be for the Director of the Division. The P-3 and two P-2/1 posts would be for research and for strengthening and expanding the analytical capacity of the Division in such areas as social safety net issues, including social security, health and nutrition, the working of markets, privatization and consequences and results of the migration on economic activities.

Consultants and experts

8.46 The estimated requirements under the programme ($72,400) include a provision for consultants ($38,200), who would provide analysis in micro-economics, including specialized reviews and studies on such issues as social safety net programmes and the allocation of social costs. The requirements for the expert group meetings under the programme are estimated at $34,200.

Travel

8.47 The estimated requirements ($53,800) relate to travel of staff for research and collection of data in the context of the work programme, as well as for maintaining liaison with specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations on issues under the programme of work.

Contractual services

8.48 The estimated requirements ($46,700) relate to a number of recurrent and non-recurrent publications under the work programme.

General operating expenses

8.49 The provision ($98,300) relates to rental and maintenance of data-processing and office automation equipment.

Equipment

8.50 The estimated requirements ($53,700) relate to the acquisition ($13,600) and replacement ($40,100) of office automation equipment.

Programme 18
Population

Table 8.12 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 404.0	6 989.4	(10.8)	(0.1)	6 978.6	395.4	7 374.0
Other staff costs	250.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consultants and experts	289.3	123.5	(8.8)	(7.1)	114.7	5.5	120.2
Travel	270.7	117.0	(11.5)	(9.8)	105.5	5.1	110.6
Contractual services	51.1	125.1	—	—	125.1	6.1	131.2
General operating expenses	25.4	40.6	36.1	88.9	76.7	3.5	80.2
Supplies and materials	9.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	16.2	45.1	31.0	68.7	76.1	3.5	79.6
Total	**7 316.7**	**7 440.7**	**36.0**	**0.4**	**7 476.7**	**419.1**	**7 895.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	209.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	120.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
—	1 548.0	UNFPA	1 502.5
—	80.0	Other sources	80.0
		(c) Operational projects	
879.2	1 502.9	UNFPA	1 014.5
879.2	**3 340.4**		**2 717.0**
8 195.9	**10 781.1**		**10 612.8**

Table 8.13 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Population Division

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	2	2	4	4
P-5	6	7	—	—	1	2	7	9
P-4/3	14	14	—	—	5	3	19	17
P-2/1	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2
Total	**26**	**26**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**7**	**34**	**33**
General Service category								
Principal level	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
Other levels	12	12	—	—	5	3	17	15
Total	**18**	**18**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**3**	**23**	**21**
Grand total	**44**	**44**	**—**	**—**	**13**	**10**	**57**	**54**

8.51 The programme for the biennium 1996-1997 will be guided by programme 18, Population, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised, by the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994, and by the follow-up programme adopted by the Assembly in the same resolution.

8.52 A major focus of the programme in the biennium 1996-1997 will be the follow-up activities to the Conference. Some of these activities will include the monitoring, review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the Conference and the General Assembly, coordination of the activities with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, dissemination of population information, and the provision of substantive secretariat support to the annual meetings of the revitalized Commission on Population and Development. In this context, the programme will continue to emphasize demographic analysis at the world level, the preparation of population estimates and projections and studies of population policy and development. Particular attention will be given to high priority areas identified in the Programme of Action such as mortality, reproductive health, migration and population statistics at the sub-national level.

8.53 International migration was another area of concern highlighted by the Conference and by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session. Research on critical aspects of international migration, such as concepts and definitions, measurement issues, trends, differentials and projections, and national migration policies will be undertaken and a series of papers published and disseminated. Major emphasis will also be given to the development and implementation of a population information strategy, particularly on-line information (e.g., data, bibliographies and text) and electronic networks aimed at fostering the exchange of population information and communications.

8.54 The Population Division will also provide substantive support to technical cooperation projects and programmes in the field of population and serve as an executing agency for population projects funded by UNFPA and other funding sources. During the biennium 1996-1997, the Population Division will continue to assist Member States in strengthening national capabilities in the field of population with respect to the projects currently under implementation by providing relevant computer hardware and software, training, manuals and expert services in the fields of demographic analysis, population research and population and development.

8.55 Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Analysis of demographic variables at world level	27.5	—
Subprogramme 2 World population projections	21.0	—
Subprogramme 3 Population policy and socio-economic development	26.5	—
Subprogramme 4 Monitoring, review and appraisal, coordination and dissemination of population information	18.6	28.6
Subprogramme 5 Technical cooperation in population	6.4	71.4
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogramme 4 has been designated as high priority by the General Assembly.

Subprogramme 1
Analysis of demographic variables at world level

8.56 The objective of the subprogramme is to provide scientific assessment of the levels and trends of demographic variables that affect population size and rate of growth for most countries and regions.

8.57 In the biennium 1996-1997, increased emphasis will be placed on the study of methodological aspects of the estimation of adult mortality, the measurement of levels and trends of international migration, the analysis of its factors and the contribution of net rural-urban migration to urban growth. The subprogramme will also examine the determinants of contraceptive use, nuptiality and child-bearing, the family-building process and quality of family planning services. In undertaking these studies, the subprogramme will be guided by the recommendations of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

One ad hoc group meeting on the measurement of quality of family planning services.

2. Published material

(a) Three recurrent publications on issues of the measurement of international migration and its causes;

(b) Five non-recurrent publications, on the family-building process: an approach to the evaluation of the impact of family planning programmes; the determinants of contraceptive use; nuptiality, adolescence and child-bearing; methodological aspects of the estimation of adult mortality; and the components of urban growth;

(c) *Technical material.* User-friendly software for new methods of computing parity progression ratios; and databases on contraceptive use, fertility levels and trends and international migration.

3. Information materials and services

Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts and information kits. Provision of ad hoc information services and data on contraceptive use, fertility, internal migration and urbanization, international migration and mortality; a wall chart on evolving patterns of fertility behaviour in developing countries.

4. Operational activities

Advisory services. Advisory missions to Member States on issues relating to the establishment of reproductive health programmes, including in the area of family planning; and provision of technical support for projects in the fields of mortality and internal and international migration.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution to activities of the inter-agency task force on women's issues and population.

Subprogramme 2
World population projections

8.58 The objective of the subprogramme is to make estimates and projections of population size and growth and other major demographic indicators, including those for urban and rural populations for all countries.

8.59 In the biennium 1996-1997, the 1996 revision of *World Population Prospects* will be completed and work on the 1998 revision will be initiated. The population estimates and projections and demographic indicators will provide a standard and consistent set of population figures for use throughout the United Nations system for activities requiring population information. They will also serve as inputs to estimates and projections undertaken by the specialized agencies in such areas as the labour force, school enrolment and agriculture. These activities will be coordinated system-wide under the auspices of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, with a view to maintaining consistency among the sectoral population estimates and projections made by other entities of the United Nations system.

Activities

1. Published material

(a) Eight recurrent publications: *World Population Prospects*, annex tables (1996 revision); *World Population Prospects* (1996 Revision); Sex and age distribution of world populations (1996 revision); World population chart 1996; *World Urbanization Prospects*, annex tables (1996 revision); *World Urbanization Prospects* (1996 revision); Urban agglomerations chart 1996; report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections at its nineteenth session;

(b) One non-recurrent publication on urban and rural population by sex and age;

(c) *Technical material.* Databases on world population; demographic indicators; sex and age quinquennial (1996 revision); annual populations (1996 revision); sex and age annual (1996 revision); age patterns of fertility (1996 revision); urban and rural areas (1996 revision); urban agglomerations (1996 revision).

2. Information material and services

Provision of ad hoc information services on national, urban, rural and city estimates and projections and demographic indicators.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution to activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections (nineteenth session).

Subprogramme 3
Population policy and socio-economic development

8.60 The objective of this subprogramme is to assess the consequences of demographic trends for socio-economic development and of governmental policies intended to influence population trends.

8.61 During the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will focus on the interrelationships between population trends and policies and major issues of socio-economic development. Among some of the areas to be studied are emerging trends in national fertility, mortality and migration policies and the significance and impact of international migration policies on sending and receiving countries. The relationships between population dynamics, poverty, sustained economic growth and environmentally sustainable development will also be studied.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

One ad hoc expert group meeting on issues of technical cooperation in population: challenges and opportunities.

2. Published material

(a) Two recurrent publications: *Global Population Policy Database 1997;* and *Population Policy Diskette Documentation;*

(b) Seven non-recurrent publications: *World Population Policies, Volume II;* international migration policies (annual); relationship between population and poverty; development and international migration: facts and theories;

(c) *Technical material.* Databases on global review and inventory of population policies; and population, resources, environment and development.

3. *Information materials and services*

Provision of ad hoc information services and data on population policies and on interrelationships between population and development trends.

4. Operational activities

Advisory missions to Member States to advise on implementation of population policies and integration of population into development policies and programmes.

Subprogramme 4
Monitoring, review and appraisal, coordination and dissemination of population information

8.62 The objectives of this subprogramme are to assess, prepare, coordinate and disseminate information on the world demographic situation, monitor population trends and policies and review and appraise, quinquennially, the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action. In the biennium 1994-1995, the subprogramme was oriented to the preparations of the International Conference on Population and Development.

8.63 During the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will focus on activities related to the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development, particularly through strengthening and expanding its Population Information Network (POPIN), which will enable it to respond effectively to requests and to support coordination among United Nations entities in the field of population.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison with governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of population in relation to the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Six reports to the Commission on Population and Development, on monitoring of world population trends and policies; activities of the United Nations system in the field of population; work of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Programme of Action; proposals for the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action, progress report on activities in the field of population; proposed programme of work in the field of population for 1998-1999;

(b) Substantive services to the Commission on Population and Development at its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions.

3. Published material

(a) Thirty-four issues of recurrent publications: monitoring of world population trends and policies; concise report on the world population situation in 1997; *Population Bulletin of the United Nations* (semiannual); *Population Newsletter* (semiannual); population reference centre acquisition list (monthly);

(b) Six non-recurrent publications: reports on POPIN Advisory Committee activities; POPIN Coordinating Committee activities; POPIN Working Group on the Management of the Population Multilingual Thesaurus activities; POPIN Information Technology Working Group activities; and the Workshop on the Pros and Cons of Electronic Publication;

(c) *Technical material.* Catalogue of Population Division publications, databases and software; global directory of population institutions; and updated version of manual 3: guide to networking for population information centres.

4. Information materials and services

Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits. Documentation on the POPIN network and POPIN gopher.

5. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* Provision of advice to Member States on information technologies in the field of population policy formulation and implementation;

(b) *Field projects.* Eight field projects on information technologies to Member States and regional support teams in the field of population.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution to activities of the POPIN Advisory Committee and the POPIN Coordinating Committee. Collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system in the preparation of the report to the Commission on Population and Development on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population and in the follow-up to the Programme of Action.

Subprogramme 5
Technical cooperation in population

8.64 The objective of the subprogramme is to strengthen national capabilities for training in population and demography and in the analysis of population data with a view to optimizing population planning and related national policies.

8.65 In the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will continue to provide, upon request and on a priority basis, advisory services to Member States and regional support teams in the areas of population training, analysis of population data and population policies, fertility and family planning, as well as population and development within the context of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development. Technical cooperation activities will be enhanced by the preparation of technical materials.

Activities

1. Published material

Five non-recurrent publications: guidelines for the establishment and/or strengthening of institutional arrangements for formulating comprehensive multidimensional population policies and their effective implementation; guidelines for the improvement of teaching methods, curricula and teaching/learning materials in the field of population; analytical studies on updated techniques of demographic analysis; guidelines for the conceptualization and design of methodologies for incorporation of population variables into development planning, including resources and the environment; and guidelines for the evaluation of the demographic impact of family planning programmes within general population policy.

2. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* Provision of advice to Member States and regional support teams in formulation and implementation of population policy; teaching demography and population studies; demographic analysis and research; population and development; and evaluation of the demographic impact of family planning programmes;

(b) *Group training.* Short-term training workshops, seminars, study tours, degree and non-degree programmes and fellowships for population studies abroad;

(c) *Field projects.* Technical support to some 40 country and intercountry projects to assist developing countries in developing and/or strengthening national capacities and capabilities in the areas of institutionalized training/research, demographic analysis, population policies, family planning and population and development.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

8.66 The staff required for the implementation of the above activities by the Population Division would comprise 26 Professional and 18 General Service posts, including:

(a) One new P-5 post for research, analysis and policy studies on international migration, in particular the refugee flows and the human rights aspects and economic consequences of such population movements. The responsibilities of this post will include analysis of the levels and trends of international migration, the quality of data on international migration, the causes of international migration flows, and the policies and programmes of sending and receiving countries, and participation in the Task Force on International Migration in the context of follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development;

(b) The abolition of one P-2/1 post as a result of rationalization of the activities under the programme.

Consultants and experts

8.67 The estimated requirements of $114,700 include provisions for consultants ($81,300) to undertake specific studies, in particular on issues in the context of implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development, and for one ad hoc expert group meeting ($33,400).

Travel

8.68 The estimated requirements ($105,500) relate largely to missions of consultation, data collection, research, liaison and collaboration with intergovernmental organizations in connection with the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development.

Contractual services

8.69 The estimated requirements ($125,100) relate to the production of various recurrent and non-recurrent publications under the programme of work.

General operating expenses

8.70 The estimated requirements ($76,700) relate to rental and maintenance of data-processing and office automation equipment.

Equipment

8.71 The estimated requirements ($76,100) relate to the acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment.

Programme 24
Statistics

Table 8.14 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	19 096.1	19 514.1	(65.1)	(0.3)	19 449.0	1 048.0	20 497.0
Consultants and experts	132.2	335.6	(12.0)	(3.5)	323.6	15.8	339.4
Travel	96.0	104.0	(10.2)	(9.8)	93.8	4.5	98.3
Contractual services	488.3	444.1	(35.1)	(7.9)	409.0	20.0	429.0
General operating expenses	106.1	355.0	(1.6)	(0.4)	353.4	17.3	370.7
Supplies and materials	25.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	85.3	72.9	84.5	115.9	157.4	7.4	164.8
Total	**20 029.8**	**20 825.7**	**(39.5)**	**(0.1)**	**20 786.2**	**1 113.0**	**21 899.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	501.7	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	363.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
33.7	6.2	Trust fund for the International Comparison Project	21.2
—	1 690.5	UNFPA	1 641.3
		(c) Operational projects	
495.3	1 907.8	UNFPA	382.0
529.0	**4 106.2**	**Total**	**2 607.5**
20 558.8	**24 931.9**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**24 506.7**

Table 8.15 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Statistical Division

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	6	6	—	—	2	2	8	8
P-5	10	9	—	—	5	3	15	12
P-4/3	35	34	—	—	4	5	39	39
P-2/1	17	17	—	—	—	—	17	17
Total	**69**	**67**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**10**	**80**	**77**
General Service category								
Principal level	12	12	—	—	—	—	12	12
Other levels	54	54	—	—	6	5	60	59
Total	**66**	**66**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**5**	**72**	**71**
Grand total	**135**	**133**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**15**	**152**	**148**

8.72 Programme 24, Statistics, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised, serves as the framework for the activities described below. The overall objective of the programme is to increase the availability and use of relevant, timely and reliable statistics to assist national and international policy formulation, action and evaluation. In pursuit of this goal, the programme provides a wide range of outputs and services to public and private producers and users of statistics in Member States, in other programmes of the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system and in other international and regional organizations. The programme comprises four interrelated and mutually supportive functions: (a) developing statistical concepts and methods for use by Member States; (b) collecting, processing and disseminating integrated statistics; (c) promoting the coordination of international statistical activities; and (d) supporting technical cooperation in statistics and statistical data processing, including informatics. These activities include basic statistical and methodological work in national accounts, international merchandise trade, commodity production, energy, population and human settlements, the environment, prices, the role of women, social indicators and special population groups, and general integrated databases. Adoption of the 1993 System of National Accounts was a significant event that was made possible by the contributions of a number of international agencies and individual national statistical offices. By its resolution 1993/5 of 12 July 1993, the Economic and Social Council recommended that countries adopt the 1993 System of National Accounts as the international standard for the compilation of their national accounts statistics and urged countries and international organizations to mobilize the necessary resources for the implementation of the new system.

8.73 In the biennium 1996-1997, the programme will, *inter alia*, respond to new international statistical requirements that are essential for the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts and for social statistics and indicators necessary to the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit on Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women. The programme will also respond to an increasing need for individual country statistics, particularly in the social area, in the context of the implementation of the Programmes of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development and the World Summit for Social Development, and the draft platform for action before the Fourth World Conference on Women.

8.74 The programme will be implemented by the Statistical Division. The Division will attach high priority to the development of methodologies in the areas of social statistics and indicators. It will provide substantive

inputs to the activities of the Statistical Commission and its Working Group. The programme will be implemented in close collaboration with other units of the Secretariat, specialized agencies and national statistical offices of Member States, as well as with organizations and entities outside the United Nations system, such as OAU, the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT) and others.

8.75 The estimated distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Developing statistical concepts and methods for use by Member States	31.4	1.0
Subprogramme 2 Applying advanced technology in collecting, processing and disseminating integrated statistics	10.9	1.0
Subprogramme 3 Collecting, compiling and disseminating international statistics	29.3	1.3
Subprogramme 4 Coordinating international statistical programmes	9.3	—
Subprogramme 5 Support for technical cooperation in statistics and statistical data processing	19.1	96.7
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogrammes 1, 4 and 5 have been designated as high priority by the General Assembly.

Subprogramme 1
Developing statistical concepts and methods for use by Member States

8.76 The objectives of the subprogramme are to develop and disseminate sound concepts, definitions, classifications and methods of data collection, compilation and dissemination for national and international statistics; promote the improvement of national and international statistics, particularly their reliability, timeliness, scope, coverage and comparability; and promote the further harmonization and integration of national and international statistics.

8.77 In the biennium 1996-1997, the programme will give priority to the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts in all countries, in close collaboration with the regional commissions and other members of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts. Work will also continue on the development and harmonization of environment statistics, environmental indicators and integrated environmental and economic accounting. The further development and harmonization of international economic classifications, international trade statistics, industrial statistics, energy statistics, price statistics, service statistics, civil registration and vital statistics and statistics on social groups, such as children, youth, the ageing and the disabled, will continue. Attention will be given to statistical requirements arising from the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the World Summit for Social Development.

Activities

1. *Parliamentary services*

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Twelve reports to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-ninth session, on progress in activities in such areas as national accounts, environment, energy, industrial, price, international trade, demographic and social statistics, international migration, gender, classifications, international comparison and technical cooperation; two reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on development of women's rights indicators; one report to the Commission on the Status of Women on use of gender statistics; and background statistical papers to the Committee on Contributions (as required);

(b) *Substantive services*. Intergovernmental Working Group on the Advancement of Environment Statistics (annual); Committee on Contributions (annual), Statistical Commission (twenty-ninth session), and Commission on the Status of Women (annual);

(c) Six ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work on the interface between decennial censuses and individual rights; preparation of a trial classification of activities for time-use statistics; link between business and national accounts standards; analytical and policy uses of national and satellite accounts; international classifications; and social accounting matrices.

2. *Published material*

(a) One recurrent publication: compendium of international classifications on CD-ROM;

(b) Thirteen non-recurrent publications: trial classification of activities for time-use statistics; trial system of social indicators for social reporting and monitoring achievement of social goals; concepts and definitions for international trade statistics; manual on the concepts and methods of environmental indicators; training manual on integrated environmental and economic accounting based on country experience; revised recommendations on international migration statistics, series M.58/Rev.1 (Joint publication of the Statistical Division and EUROSTAT); manual on computerization of civil registration and vital statistics; handbook of population and housing censuses, Part V: Economic characteristics; handbook of vital statistics systems and methods, Vol. I, Series F., No. 35 (in Arabic); handbook of vital statistics systems and methods, Vol. II, Series F., No. 35 (in Arabic); handbook on analytical and policy uses of national accounts; handbook on the links between business and national accounting standards; technical report on human resource accounting; and handbook for the development of impairment, disability and handicap statistics;

(c) *Technical material*. Database and textual material on fourteen specific statistical topics/studies.

Subprogramme 2
Applying advanced technology in collecting, processing and disseminating integrated statistics

8.78 The objectives of the subprogramme are to disseminate multisectoral statistics and indicators by means of recurrent publications containing general economic, demographic and social statistics; disseminate international statistics and indicators through media other than recurrent publications to meet a variety of users' needs and to respond to ad hoc requests for statistical information; and apply advanced technology in collecting, compiling, processing and disseminating international statistics, providing more efficient means of production and storage of statistics and access to statistical databases.

8.79 In the biennium 1996-1997, the orientation of the subprogramme will be to (a) continue to give priority to developing cost-effective methods and systems for collecting, assessing and compiling data and their dissemination, using new technologies for preparing major databases, publications and other statistical outputs, and for improving timeliness in reaching users and the quality of data presented; and (b) develop new databases to meet the growing need for multisectoral and integrated statistics and indicators, drawing

on ongoing work in individual fields of statistics and on related work in other international organizations. Work in this subprogramme will contribute to and benefit from the development of UNESIS.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

One ad hoc expert group meeting on development of advanced user access and output systems for statistical databases in UNESIS.

2. Published material

(a) Twenty-eight issues of recurrent publications: *Statistical Yearbook* in print and CD-ROM formats (annually); *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* in print format and continuously updated for user access through an on-line subscription service; and *World Statistics in Brief: United Nations Statistical Pocketbook* in print, diskette and on-line formats (annual);

(b) *Technical material*. Database and textual material on eight specific statistical topics.

Subprogramme 3
Collecting, compiling and disseminating international statistics

8.80 The objective of the subprogramme is to contribute to the formulation of national and international policy and decision-making by fostering the availability and use of relevant, comprehensive, timely, reliable and comparable international statistics.

8.81 In the biennium 1996-1997, attention will be given to improving the timeliness, quality and relevance of outputs in all areas of statistics through, *inter alia*, coordination with other international organizations in the development of joint and/or integrated statistical questionnaires and data sharing. In the area of national accounts, work will be undertaken to convert the database and to develop a new streamlined questionnaire based on the 1993 System of National Accounts. In the area of trade statistics, existing specialized databases will be strengthened with special attention given to the COMTRADE database for international trade statistics. Special efforts will also be made to ensure the availability of more comprehensive and comparable data for developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Cooperation will be strengthened with developing countries and countries in transition and international organizations to obtain comprehensive commodity trade statistics for inclusion in the COMTRADE database. International collection of environmental statistics will commence. In the area of industrial statistics, cooperation will be strengthened among the Statistical Division, UNIDO and OECD in the collection, processing and dissemination of data on industrial statistics.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. A document on national income and related statistics to the Committee on Contributions at its fifty-seventh session.

2. Published materials

(a) Twenty issues of recurrent publications: *Yearbook of National Accounts Statistics*; *Energy Statistics Yearbook 1994*; *Energy Statistics Yearbook 1995*; *Energy Balances and Electricity Profiles 1994*; *International Trade Statistics Yearbook*, Vols. I and II (43rd and 44th editions); *Commodity Trade Statistics* (Series D); Microfiches of international trade statistics; *Demographic Yearbook* (46th edition); *Demographic Yearbook* (47th edition); *Population and Vital Statistics Report* (quarterly); *Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook* (annual); *Compendium of Human Settlement Statistics* (Joint publication of the Statistical Division and Habitat);

(b) *Technical material*. Database and textual material on twenty-eight specific topics.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Cooperation with relevant specialized agencies on issues of collecting, processing and disseminating sectoral statistics.

Subprogramme 4
Coordinating international statistical programmes

8.82 The objectives of the subprogramme are to facilitate the use of the international statistical recommendations and classifications of different international organizations and to achieve an integrated system for the collection, processing and dissemination of international statistics.

8.83 In accordance with the action plan for strengthening international statistical cooperation adopted by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-seventh session, the subprogramme will continue to give high priority to the work on the coordination of the global statistical system and the provision of services to national statistical offices. The subprogramme will make use of continuing instruments of coordination such as the Statistical Commission and its Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, inter-secretariat working groups in individual fields, the recently established task forces on selected areas of statistics, ongoing consultations and the exchange of information and plans, as well as ad hoc consultations and meetings on subjects and issues of current concern.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Seven reports to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-ninth session, on the draft work programme for 1998-1999; the medium-term plan for 1998-2001; performance report for 1995-1996; updated information on the work of the Division; plans of international organizations in the field of statistics; overall review of the statistical work of international organizations; and coordination of statistical data collection. Three reports to the Statistical Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination at its nineteenth session, on inventory of statistical data collection activities; outlines of reports for the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission; and task forces on coordination in specific subject-matter areas. Documentation to the Committee on Contributions at its annual sessions (upon request);

(b) *Substantive services*. Statistical Commission; Working Group of the Statistical Commission on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination; Committee on Contributions.

2. Published material

Three recurrent publications: reports of the task forces on international trade and statistics and on environment and statistics; and *Directory of International Statistics*.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Contribution to the activities of the inter-agency task forces on (a) national accounts; (b) international trade statistics; (c) finance statistics; (d) price statistics, including the International Comparison Programme; (e) industrial and construction statistics; (f) environment statistics; (g) service statistics; and (h) the measurement of poverty. Collaboration with FAO, UNIDO, EUROSTAT and OECD in the collection and exchange of data, the application of international activity and product classifications, and concepts and definitions in statistics. Contribution to the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities (annual); contribution to the activities of the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development; the Inter-secretariat Working Group on the International Comparison Programme; and the Coordination Committee on African Statistical Development.

Subprogramme 5
Support for technical cooperation in statistics and statistical data processing

8.84 The objectives of the subprogramme are to develop the statistics and statistical capabilities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition through the provision of advisory services, fellowships and training and to provide a feedback mechanism to ensure the relevancy of the methodological activities.

8.85 In the biennium 1996-1997, continued support will be given to Member States through a broad range of technical cooperation activities. The areas to be covered will include economic statistics and national accounts, demographic and social statistics, industry and trade statistics, statistics for special population groups, household surveys, the situation of women, environment statistics, geographical information systems, statistical training, and organization and management of national statistical services. Emphasis will be given to the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts and the dissemination of related training materials.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Report to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-ninth session on technical cooperation in statistics;

(b) One ad hoc expert group meeting dealing with high inflation in statistics.

2. Published material

Technical material. Public and official use of civil registration and vital statistics records; population, education and communication for civil registration; legal framework for population registers and statistics; and technical notes on support to the technical cooperation programme.

3. Operational activities

(a) Advisory services to developing countries and countries with economies in transition on the establishment and/or improvement of statistical programmes in all areas, and specifically in economic, demographic, environment, energy, gender and social statistics and in the establishment of comprehensive information systems;

(b) *Group training, including seminars and workshops*. Training activities in cooperation with UNDP and UNFPA in all areas of statistics;

(c) *Field projects*. Country and regional projects to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition in strengthening and extending national services and capabilities for collecting, processing, disseminating and using a broad range of development-related statistics.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination of technical cooperation in statistics with specialized agencies, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, the World Bank, IMF and EUROSTAT.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

8.86 The staff resources would comprise 67 Professional and 66 General Service posts. One P-5 and one P-4 post would be abolished following the rationalization of activities under the programme.

Consultants and experts

8.87 The estimated requirements ($323,600) would include a provision for consultants ($88,800) in connection with specific studies under the programme of work for which no internal expertise is available, and for seven ad hoc expert group meetings ($234,800) detailed under subprogrammes 1 and 5.

Travel

8.88 The estimated requirements ($93,800) relate to travel of staff for the compilation of statistical data and preparation of studies and publications, as well as for liaison with other organizations and institutions on statistical issues.

Contractual services

8.89 The estimated requirements ($409,000) relate to the costs of production of publications, studies and reports.

General operating expenses

8.90 The estimated requirements ($353,400) relate to rental and maintenance costs of office automation and data-processing equipment.

Equipment

8.91 The estimated requirements ($157,400) relate to the acquisition and replacement of office automation and data-processing equipment.

D. Programme support

Table 8.16 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 643.5	1 769.0	(63.9)	(3.6)	1 705.1	76.5	1 781.6
Other staff costs	214.3	318.4	(31.3)	(9.8)	287.1	13.9	301.0
Contractual services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
General operating expenses	268.4	235.6	57.5	24.4	293.1	14.2	307.3
Supplies and materials	8.5	62.5	—	—	62.5	2.8	65.3
Equipment	24.3	23.9	—	—	23.9	1.0	24.9
Total	**2 161.8**	**2 409.4**	**(37.7)**	**(1.5)**	**2 371.7**	**108.4**	**2 480.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
Total —	—		—
Total (1) and (2) **2 161.8**	**2 409.4**		**2 480.1**

Table 8.17 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Executive Office

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other levels	9	8	—	—	—	—	9	8
Total	**11**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**10**
Grand total	**14**	**13**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**13**

8.92 The Executive Office provides programme support and other management services to support the implementation of the planned activities under the programmes of the Department in such areas as initiation of recruitment and administration of personnel, financial management and administration, resource planning and other common services.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

8.93 The staff requirements for the Executive Office comprise three Professional and ten General Service posts, showing a decrease of one General Service post, which would be redeployed to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General.

Other staff costs

8.94 The estimated requirements under this heading ($287,100) relate to (a) general temporary assistance funds ($215,600) for the temporary replacement of staff of the Department on extended sick leave and maternity leave and the engagement of additional staff during peak workload periods; and (b) overtime ($71,500) for the additional hours worked by the staff of the Department at peak workload periods.

General operating expenses and supplies and materials

8.95 The estimated requirements under these headings amount to $355,600 and relate to the following expenditures:

(a) Rental and maintenance of equipment ($51,500), which represents costs for maintenance of office automation and data-processing equipment;

(b) Communications ($226,800), including costs of telephone and facsimile communications and other related expenses;

(c) Miscellaneous costs ($15,000) to cover various requirements arising from the activities of the Department;

(d) Supplies and materials ($62,500) to meet requirements for expendable office supplies and materials, particularly data-processing supplies for the Department.

Equipment

8.96 The estimated requirements ($23,900) relate to the acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment for the Executive Office.